

PROCLAMATION **VOLUNTEER WEEK** APRIL 17-23, 2005

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver, as well as the receiver; and

WHEREAS, a volunteer force of more than 64 million people is vital to our future as a caring and productive nation; and

WHEREAS, volunteers all across North Dakota give of their time and talents each day to make a real difference for their communities and our state; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakota citizens can affect positive change in the lives of children, adults and the elderly with volunteer actions, regardless how big or small; and

WHEREAS, during this week, throughout our state and nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers will be recognized for their commitment to service and to enhancing the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the dedication and service of volunteers throughout our state, and to volunteer and "light the way" in their communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 17-23, 2005, **VOLUNTEER WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State